

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please provide a new listing as follows:

Claims 1 to 15 (canceled).

Claim 16 (new): A notebook comprising:

- a base having a front side and a rear side and having a first side edge and a second side edge and a first peripheral edge;

- a first retaining device for securing a first writing medium having a first size to the front side of the base, the first retaining device being disposed at a first distance from the first peripheral edge;

- a second retaining device provided at a second distance from the first peripheral edge for securing a second individual writing medium in the form of a sheet having a different size than the first writing medium;

- the first retaining device including a first strip of thin material, the first strip, within a span of the first distance, extending from the first side edge to the second side edge, substantially in parallel to the first peripheral edge of the base so that a corresponding edge of the first writing medium is slideable underneath the first strip to secure the first writing medium to the base.

Claim 17 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 16 wherein the second retaining device include a second strip of thin material, the second strip, within the span of the second distance, extending from the first side edge to the second side edge substantially in parallel to the first peripheral edge of the base so that a second corresponding edge of the second writing medium is slideable underneath the second strip to secure the second writing medium to the base.

Claim 18 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 16 wherein the second retaining device includes a first and second loop-shaped band secured at ends to the base so that the first and second bands extend at an angle to the first and second side edges of the base over corresponding corners of the second writing medium to secure the corners of

the second writing medium to the base.

Claim 19 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 18 wherein the first and the second bands are disposed at a 45° angle.

Claim 20 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 16 wherein the base is manufactured from a flexible material.

Claim 21 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 20 wherein the flexible material is leather or plastic.

Claim 22 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 16 wherein the base has a width in the range of 82 mm.

Claim 23 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 16 wherein the base has a height in the range of 134 mm.

Claim 24 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 16 wherein the first distance is in the range of 100 mm.

Claim 25 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 16 wherein the first and/or the second retaining device are stitched to the base.

Claim 26 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 16 wherein, in the area of the first peripheral edge of the base, a further pocket-shaped retaining device is formed, into which a corresponding edge of the first and second writing media is insertable.

Claim 27 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 16 wherein, on the rear side of the base, a first pocket is provided for inserting the first writing medium and/or the second writing medium after being written on.

Claim 28 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 27 wherein one of the corners of the first pocket is provided with an arc-shaped cut-out.

Claim 29 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 16 wherein, on the rear side of the base, a second pocket is provided for accommodating one or more business cards.

Claim 30 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 29 wherein the second pocket has a substantially rectangular form, and two side edges of the pocket are fastened to the base in the area of the first peripheral edge of the base, as well as in the area of one of the first and second side edges.

Claim 31 (new): The notebook as recited in claim 29 wherein one of the corners of the second pocket is provided with an arc-shaped cut-out.